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1. Prior to 3 January 1952 two hundred North Korean men and eighty North Korean women completed a two-month training course to aid them in organizing Communist cells among North Korean and Chinese Communist prisoners being held in United Nations camps.¹ The training emphasized the history of the Soviet Communist party and the North Korean Labor Party, methods of organizing party groups, and Communist theory. The trainees were told that they would be decorated for the work, that they had nothing to fear since they could return after the conclusion of a cease-fire and the United Nations were not killing prisoners while the cease-fire negotiations were in progress.
2. Propaganda used by the agents in the camps was to stress the imminent withdrawal of the United Nations forces from Korea, and the certain future unification of the country under the North Korean government. They were also told to emphasize that modern equipment is being given the North Korean army by the Soviet Union and China, that respect will be shown prisoner repatriation, that high North Korean government officials are concerned over the situation of North Korean prisoners, and that the life of the North Korean army soldier has improved.
3. The agents were told to establish cell organization committees in each prisoner of war camp to supervise the organization of cells of three prisoners each. Three cells were to be considered a group, three groups a division, and three divisions a committee. Imprisoned North Korean officers were to be assigned by the agents to responsible positions in the network to obtain the benefits of military discipline while the cells were first being organized. The agents were also instructed to investigate the attitude and conduct of each prisoner and to ignore all North Korean prisoners who were not sympathetic to the North Korean government. After the cells became strong, they were to carry out strikes, protests, and demonstrations.²

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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The objectives in dispatching these agents to POW camps, the
25X1A criteria for the selection of the agents, and the method of penetration were
discussed in [REDACTED] from the same source.
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. North Korean civilian internees on Kojedo rioted in late
February when United Nations authorities attempted to screen out anti-
Communists.

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